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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR KEKKONEN STATE VISIT:
FRANK HELLSTEN

REF: STATE 165299

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT MR. FRANK HELLSTEN, INFORMATION SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY'S OFFICE OF PRESS RELATIONS, WILL ASSIST IN TAKING CARE OF PRESS ARRANGEMENTS DURING PRESIDENT KEKKONEN'S VISIT. HELLSTEN, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE RAILI, WILL LEAVE FINLAND AND ARRIVE IN THE UNITED STATES ON JULY 14.

2. FRANK HELLSTEN JOINED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN FEBRUARY 1976. HE WAS BORN JANUARY 3, 1946 IN LOHJA. HE RECEIVED THE DEGREE OF MASTER IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM HELSINKI UNIVERSITY IN 1968. BEFORE FINISHING HIS UNIVERSITY STUDIES HE WAS ALREADY WORKING AS A FREE-LANCER FOR THE SWEDISH SERVICE OF TV NEWS. HE WAS A PERMANENT EMPLOYEE OF THE SWEDISH TB MEWS FROM 1968-71. HE SPENT PART OF THE SUMMER 1971 LIVING WITH THE ANDREW LAZARUS FAMILY IN THE NEW YORK CITY AREA UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING PROGRAM. (LAZARUS IS A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF USIS HELSINKI MARRIED TO A FINNISH NATIONAL.) FROM AUGUST 1971 TO FEBRUARY 1976 HELSTEN WORKED WITH FINNFACTS, THE QUASI-OFFICIAL INFORMATION ORGANIZATION WHICH SELLS FINLAND ABROAD.HELLSTEN IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY POLITICAL PARTY.

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3. PHOTOGRAPH OF HELLSTEN BEING POUCHED TO DEPART-
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